

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager from a player,

playing an underlying game of chance which results in a first outcome displayed ~~provided~~ to the player, said first outcome dependent upon at least one random determination, said first outcome capable of resulting in a first award payable to the player, said underlying game of chance having a first house advantage,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from the player in combination with the underlying game of chance, said play of said knowledge-based bonus game resulting in a second outcome displayed ~~provided~~ to the player and dependent upon the knowledge of the player, said second outcome capable of resulting in a second award payable to the player,

said knowledge-based bonus game configured to maintain within a predetermined range a second house advantage for the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance, said predetermined range configured to account for an expected return provided by the play of knowledge-based bonus game by the player guessing answers and by the player having perfect knowledge of answers.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of playing the knowledge-based game occurs when play of the underlying game of chance stops.

Claims 4-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager from a player,

playing an underlying game of chance which results in a first outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player, said first outcome dependent upon at least one random determination, said first outcome capable of resulting in a first award payable to the player, said underlying game of chance having a first house advantage,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from the player in combination with the underlying game of chance, said play of said knowledge-based bonus game resulting in a second outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player and dependent upon the knowledge of the player, said second outcome capable of resulting in a second award payable to the player,

said knowledge-based bonus game configured to maintain within a predetermined range a second house advantage for the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance, said predetermined range configured to account for an expected return provided by the play of knowledge-based bonus game by the player guessing answers and by the player having perfect knowledge of answers, wherein

the step of playing the knowledge-based game occurs when play of the underlying game of chance stops and

stopping of the underlying game of chance is randomly determined.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the knowledge-based bonus game has queries with answers.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager from a player,

playing an underlying game of chance which results in a first outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player, said first outcome dependent upon at least one random determination, said first outcome capable of resulting in a first award payable to the player, said underlying game of chance having a first house advantage, playing a knowledge-based bonus game in combination with the underlying game of chance, wherein said knowledge-based bonus game includes queries and uses answers from the player to the queries said play of said knowledge-based bonus game resulting in a second outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player and dependent upon the knowledge of the player, said second outcome capable of resulting in a second award payable to the player,

said knowledge-based bonus game configured to maintain within a predetermined range a second house advantage for the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance, said predetermined range configured to account for an expected return provided by the play of knowledge-based bonus game by the player guessing answers and by the player having perfect knowledge of answers.

Claims 11-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager from a player,

playing an underlying game of chance which results in a first outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player, said first outcome dependent upon at least one random determination, said first outcome capable of resulting in a first award payable to the player, said underlying game of chance having a first house advantage,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from the player in combination with the underlying game of chance, said play of said knowledge-based bonus game resulting in a second outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player and dependent upon the knowledge of the player, said second outcome capable of resulting in a second award payable to the player,

said knowledge-based bonus game configured to maintain within a predetermined range a second house advantage for the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance, said predetermined range configured to account for an expected return provided by the play of knowledge-based bonus game by the player guessing answers and by the player having perfect knowledge of answers, wherein

the step of playing the knowledge-based bonus game comprises the steps of:

paying the player a first amount for said second outcome when the player correctly answers a query,

paying the player a second amount for said second outcome when the player incorrectly answers the query.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method for playing a combined knowledge-based bonus game with an underlying casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager from a player,

playing the underlying casino game of chance which results in a first outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player, said first outcome dependent upon at least one random determination, said first outcome capable of resulting in a first award payable to the player, said underlying game of chance having a first house advantage,

stopping play of the underlying casino game of chance,

playing the knowledge-based bonus game when the underlying casino game of chance is stopped, said play of said knowledge-based bonus game resulting in a second outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player and dependent upon the knowledge of the player, said second outcome capable of resulting in a second award payable to the player,

said knowledge-based bonus game configured to maintain within a predetermined range a second house advantage for the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying casino game of chance, said predetermined range configured to account for an expected return provided by the play of knowledge-based bonus game by the player guessing answers and by the player having perfect knowledge of answers,

the steps of playing the knowledge-based game at least having the steps of:

- (a) providing at least one query to the player in the knowledge-based game,
- (b) receiving at least one answer from the player in response to the provided at least one query,
- (c) paying the player an amount for the second outcome, wherein said amount is based upon the at least one answer by the player.

Claims 20-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method of claim 19, wherein the step of paying the player further comprises the steps of:

paying the player a first amount for said second award ~~the second outcome~~ when the player correctly answers the as least one query,

paying the player a second amount for ~~the~~ said second award ~~second outcome~~ when the player incorrectly answers the at least one query.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method for playing a combined knowledge-based bonus game with an underlying casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of:

playing the underlying casino game of chance which results in a first outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player, said first outcome dependent upon at least one random determination, said first outcome capable of resulting in a first award payable to the player, said underlying game of chance having a first house advantage,

playing the knowledge-based bonus game in combination with the underlying game, the steps of playing the knowledge-based game at least having the steps of:

(a) providing at least one query to the player in the knowledge-based game,

(b) receiving at least one answer from the player in the response to the provided at least one query, and

(c) ~~providing~~ displaying a second outcome to the player, wherein said ~~a second outcome is~~ dependent upon the knowledge of the player, said second outcome capable of resulting in a second award payable to the player, wherein said knowledge-based bonus game is configured to maintain within a predetermined range a second house advantage for the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying casino game of chance, said predetermined range configured to account for an expected return provided by the play of knowledge-based bonus game by the player guessing answers and by the player having perfect knowledge of answers.

Claims 26-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of claim 25, wherein the step of playing is randomly chosen at a given frequency.

Claim 31-87 (canceled)

Claim 88 (currently amended): A method for playing a casino game comprising the steps of:

receiving a wager from a player,

playing an underlying game of chance which results in a plurality of first outcomes ~~payoffs provided~~ displayed to the player, said first outcomes dependent upon at least one random determination, said first outcomes capable of resulting in a first award payable to the player, said underlying game of chance having a first house advantage,

playing a knowledge-based bonus game using answers from the player in combination with the underlying game of chance, said play of said knowledge-based bonus game resulting in a second outcome ~~provided~~ displayed to the player and dependent upon the knowledge of the player, said second outcome capable of resulting in a second award payable to the player,

said knowledge-based bonus game configured to maintain within a predetermined range a second house advantage for the combined knowledge-based bonus game with the underlying game of chance said predetermined range configured to account for an expected return provided by the play of knowledge-based bonus game by the player guessing answers and by the player having perfect knowledge of answers.

Claim 89 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, which includes locally storing the queries to be answered by the player.

Claim ~~96~~90 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the first outcome can be zero.

Claim-~~90~~91(currently amended): The method of claim 8, which includes locally storing the queries to be answered by the player.

Claim-~~94~~92 (currently amended): The method of claim 8, wherein the first outcome can be zero.

Claim ~~92~~93 (currently amended): The method of claim 10, which includes locally storing the queries to be answered by the player.

Claim ~~93~~94 (currently amended): The method of claim 10, wherein the first outcome can be zero.

Claim ~~94~~95 (currently amended): The method of claim 18, which includes locally storing the queries to be answered by the player.

Claim ~~95~~96 (currently amended): The method of claim 18, wherein the first outcome can be zero.

Claim ~~96~~97 (currently amended): The method of claim 19, which includes locally storing the queries to be answered by the player.

Claim ~~97~~98 (currently amended): The method of claim 19, wherein the first outcome can be zero.

Claim ~~98~~99 (currently amended): The method of claim 25, which includes locally storing the queries to be answered by the player.

Claim-~~99~~ 100 (currently amended): The method of claim 25, wherein the first outcome can be zero.

Claim ~~400~~101 (currently amended): The method of claim 88, which includes locally storing queries to be answered by the player.

Claim ~~401~~102 (currently amended): The method of claim 88, wherein the first outcome can be zero.

Claim 103 (new): The method of claim 1, which includes providing any first award and any second award simultaneously.

Claim 104 (new): The method of claim 1, which includes providing any first award and any second award at different times.

Claim 105 (new): The method of claim 8, which includes providing any first award and any second award simultaneously.

Claim 106 (new): The method of claim 8, which includes providing any first award and any second award at different times.

Claim 107 (new): The method of claim 10, which includes providing any first award and any second award simultaneously.

Claim 108 (new): The method of claim 10, which includes providing any first award and any second award at different times.

Claim 109 (new): The method of claim 18, which includes providing any first award and any second award simultaneously.

Claim 110 (new): The method of claim 18, which includes providing any first award and any second award at different times.

Claim 111 (new): The method of claim 19, which includes providing any first award and any second award simultaneously.

Claim 112 (new): The method of claim 19, which includes providing any first award and any second award at different times.

Claim 113 (new): The method of claim 25, which includes providing any first award and any second award simultaneously.

Claim 114 (new): The method of claim 25, which includes providing any first award and any second award at different times.

Claim 115 (new): The method of claim 88, which includes providing any first award and any second award simultaneously.

Claim 116 (new): The method of claim 88, which includes providing any first award and any second award at different times.